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- 1. A membrane probing assembly comprising:

  (a) a probe card with conductors supported

  thereon, wherein said conductors include
  at least a signal conductor located
  between a pair of spaced apart guard
  conductors;

  (b) a membrane assembly including a membrane
  with contacts thereon, and supporting at
  least a signal conductor located between a
  pair of spaced apart guard conductors;
  - (c) said guard conductors of said probe card are electrically interconnected proximate the interconnection between said probe card and said membrane assembly; and
  - (d) said guard conductors of said membrane assembly are electrically interconnected proximate the interconnection between said probe card and said membrane assembly.